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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Expansion of the NIS in Connection with Implementation of the USIA Survey

PARTICIPANTS: Messrs. Evans, Clinton/State; [] CIA

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1. The speed-up of the NIS in terms of new countries and additional sections not scheduled prior to the USIA Survey is going forward. This will amount to thirteen sections for FY 1955 and will be in keeping with USIA priorities.

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2. [] is undertaking to prepare on or about the first of January, 1955 a paper which will be in answer to the questions listed in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the intelligence annex to the India country plan, Tab J of the USIA Survey, the materials to be drawn wherever possible from the existing completed NIS sections and to be supplemented by other available materials. It is understood that this is experimental in seeking to find out whether indeed the answering of these questions will meet a paywar need. This experiment will also show whether the Department of State has enough resources to do this on any scale for other countries if that is desirable. The preparation of this paper may reveal ways in which the NIS sections can be amplified or molded and, in addition, may further determine the degree to which the NIS may already be meeting the needs of paywarriors.

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3. [] is undertaking to prepare for completion about the first of 1955 a suggested revision of the NIS outlines on sections relevant to paywar, with a view to exploring the extent to which such portions of the NIS could be molded to meet requirements as reflected in the "Statement of Need" and in the USIA Survey annexes to the country plans. It is understood that upon the completion of this [] and [] will discuss the revision in terms of how best to approach the NIS Committee and representatives of paywar agencies. It may

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be that referring such an outline for study to the NIS Committee and paywarriors, to be read in conjunction with completed NIS sections on a given country or countries, would be the best way to elicit constructive criticism from them.

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